

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A sports glove comprising:

a body portion comprising a front portion that fits adjacent to a wearer's palm, a back portion that fits adjacent to the back of a wearer's hand, a portion of said front and back portions being joined to each other, and four finger portions and a thumb portion projecting from said front and back portions; and

a fastener fastening system comprising:

a hook material having two sides and comprising a plurality of hooks extending outwardly on one side of said hook material; and

a complementary loop material having two sides and comprising a plurality of loops extending outwardly on one side of said loop material, wherein said hook material is joined to a portion of said body portion and said loop material is joined to another portion of said body portion,

wherein said hook material and said loop material comprise components of said fastening system which can be at least partially overlapped to close said fastening system, and at least one of said hook material and said loop material has at least three apertures therein, wherein at least some of said apertures are also formed in at least a portion of said body portion and are substantially coterminous with at least some of said apertures in at least one of said hook material and said loop material so that at least a portion of said fastening system which is breathable, wherein said components of said fastening system have a transverse direction that is oriented perpendicular to the finger portions of the glove, and said at least three apertures are disposed in a spaced apart arrangement relative to each other in the transverse direction.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The sports glove of Claim 1 comprising a body portion wherein said fastener comprises a fastening system comprising a hook material comprising a hook material substrate and a plurality of hooks extending from the hook material substrate and a complementary loop material comprising a loop material substrate and a plurality of loops extending from said loop material substrate, wherein said hook material is joined to a portion of said body portion and said loop material is joined to another portion of said body portion, and wherein the combination of at least a portion of at least one of said substrates of said hook material and said loop material and the portion of said body portion to which at least one of said hook material and said loop material is joined is breathable wherein at least some of said apertures have a configuration that is longer in one direction than in another direction.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The sports glove of Claim 2 wherein the components of the fastening system have a transverse dimension that is oriented in the transverse direction, and at least a portion one of said fastener has apertures therein has a length that is less than or equal to about one-half the transverse dimension of the component of said fastening system in which said at least one aperture is formed.
4. (Withdrawn) A sports glove having a container joined thereto, said container being sized and configured to fold around said sports glove after said glove is used.
5. (Withdrawn) The sports glove of Claim 4 wherein said container is a bag.
6. (Withdrawn) A sports glove comprising a body, said sports glove having a patch of extensible material joined in an elastically contractible condition to the body of said sports glove.
7. (Currently Amended) The sports glove of Claim 3 wherein at least some one of said apertures ~~extend through at least one of said hook material and said loop material and the portion of said body portion to which at least one of said hook material and said loop material is joined~~ has a length that is less than or equal to about one-fourth the transverse dimension of the component of said fastening system in which said at least one aperture is formed.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~The sports glove of Claim 3~~ A sports glove comprising:

a body portion; and

a fastening system comprising:

a hook material comprising a hook material substrate and a plurality of hooks extending from the hook material substrate; and

a complementary loop material comprising a loop material substrate and a plurality of loops extending from said loop material substrate,

wherein said hook material is joined to a portion of said body portion and said loop material is joined to another portion of said body portion, and wherein the combination of at least a portion of at least one of said substrates of said hook material and said loop material and the portion of said body portion to which at least one of said hook material and said loop material is joined is breathable,

wherein at least a portion of said fastening system has apertures therein and at least some of said apertures are arranged in spaced apart rows of apertures wherein the apertures in at least some of said rows are staggered relative to the apertures in another row of apertures.

9. ~~(Currently Amended) The sports glove of Claim 3 8 wherein at least a portion of said loop fastening material overlaps said hook fastening material to form a closure, and at least some of said apertures in said loop fastening material at least partially overlap with at least some of the apertures in said hook fastening material to provide a passageway through all of the layers of the fastener and portions of the body of said sports glove to which the hook and loop materials are joined~~ said body portion comprises a front portion that fits adjacent to a wearer's palm, a back portion that fits adjacent to the back of a wearer's hand, and four finger portions and a thumb portion projecting from said front and back portions, wherein said sports glove has a longitudinal direction that is oriented parallel to the finger portions of the glove and a transverse direction that is oriented perpendicular to the finger portions, and at least some of said apertures have a shape that is longer in one direction than in another direction.

10. (Currently Amended) The sports glove of Claim 3 ~~wherein at least a portion of said body portion of said sports glove is comprised of leather~~ said at least some of said apertures are longer in the transverse direction than in the longitudinal direction.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~The sports glove of Claim 3~~ A sports glove comprising:
- a body portion; and
- a fastening system comprising:
- a hook material comprising a hook material substrate and a plurality of hooks extending from the hook material substrate; and
- a complementary loop material having two sides and comprising a substrate and a plurality of loops extending from said loop material substrate,
- wherein said hook material is joined to a portion of said body portion and said loop material is joined to another portion of said body portion, and wherein the combination of at least a portion of at least one of said substrates of said hook material and said loop material and the portion of said body portion to which at least one of said hook material and said loop material is joined is breathable,
- wherein at least a portion of said fastening system has apertures therein and wherein at least some of said apertures are longer when measured in one direction than when measured in another direction, so that the sides of said apertures are longer than the ends of said apertures, and the ends of said apertures are rounded.
12. (New) The sports glove of Claim 11 wherein said body portion comprises a front portion that fits adjacent to a wearer's palm, a back portion that fits adjacent to the back of a wearer's hand, and four finger portions and a thumb portion projecting from said front and back portions, wherein said sports glove has a longitudinal direction that is oriented parallel to the finger portions of the glove and a transverse direction that is oriented perpendicular to the finger portions, and said at least some of said apertures are longer in the transverse direction than in the longitudinal direction.

13. (New) The sports glove of Claim 12 wherein said at least some of said apertures are oblong.
14. (New) The sports glove of Claim 2 wherein at least some of said apertures are longer in the transverse direction than in the longitudinal direction.
15. (New) The sports glove of Claim 1 wherein at least some of said apertures are longer when measured in one direction than when measured in another direction, so that the sides of said apertures are longer than the ends of said apertures, and the ends of said apertures are rounded.
16. (New) The sports glove of Claim 15 wherein said at least some of said apertures are oblong.
17. (New) The sports glove of Claim 1 wherein at least some of said apertures are funnel-shaped.
18. (New) The sports glove of Claim 9 wherein said apertures have sides and ends, and the sides of said at least some of said apertures are longer than the ends of said apertures, and the ends of said apertures are rounded.
19. (New) The sports glove of Claim 18 wherein said at least some of said apertures are oblong.